

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #16-195

Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to the Shared Services Defense Agreement Previously Executed by the Vicinage 13 Municipal Group Members and Further Authorizing Payment From the Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Amount of \$5,000.00 For Defense Costs.

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan entered into a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) with other members of the Vicinage 13 municipal group (the “Vicinage 13 Municipal Group Members”) for the purpose as set forth therein, which included retaining common experts in the Declaratory Judgment action that was filed in accordance with In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”); and

WHEREAS, the Vicinage 13 Municipal Group Members have been asked to execute a First Amendment to the MSSDA (the “First Amendment”), a copy of which is annexed hereto, and to contribute an additional \$5,000.00 for the purposes of, among other things, (i) preparing for and representing the interests of the Vicinage 13 Municipal Group Members in fair share litigation, and (ii) collectively retaining expert witnesses as more fully set forth in the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of Raritan Township to execute the First Amendment and to contribute an additional \$5,000.00 in order to most efficiently defend the interests of the Vicinage 13 Municipal Group Members, including Raritan Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Raritan, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached First Amendment to the MSSDA, and to forward the executed copy of the First Amendment to John Belardo, Esq., together with a certified copy of this Resolution.

2. The payment of an additional \$5,000.00 from the Raritan Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purposes set forth in the First Amendment is hereby authorized. The \$5,000.00 payment shall be forwarded to Katrine Campbell, Esq. for deposit in the Attorney Trust Account of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis and Cohen, P.C.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

William Bray
Acting Township Clerk

Karen Gilbert
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, William Bray, Acting Township Clerk of the Township of Raritan, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on Sept. 6, 2016.

William Bray
Acting Township Clerk

Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member		X	X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor	X		X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member			X			
Lou Reiner, Committee Member			X			
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			